

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A device for use in performing small-volume chemical reactions, characterized in that said device has a number of openings on one surface, individually connected to the same number of openings on the opposite surface, the grid of said openings corresponding to a first microtitre plate format on one surface and corresponding to a second, denser microtitre plate format on the opposite side.
2. (original) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the number of openings is $96/n$, where n is an integer chosen from 2, 4 and 6.
3. (original) Device according to claim 2, characterized in that n is 4.
4. (original) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the first and second microtitre plate formats are the 96-well format and the 384-well format, respectively.
5. (original) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the first and second microtitre plate

formats are the 384-well format and the 1536-well format, respectively.

6. (previously presented) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the device exhibits physical characteristics ensuring its correct assembly and orientation when used, said physical characteristics being chosen among colour codes and patterns; raised and corresponding depressed areas such as velts and grooves or pins and holes.

7. (previously presented) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises one or more predisposed reagents.

8-11. (canceled)